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Your Bond May Buy The Bullet That Is The Shot Of Victory

George Culver Is Army Hi Jump King

By LENA HORNE
Somewhere, on some far battlefield, one of our allies . . . one of our American boys . . . will fire a shot. It will be the



LENA HORNE
Starting her career as a dancer in New York's Cotton Club, Miss Horne is now one of Hollywood's greatest singing sensations and a Broadway favorite. She urges her people to Back the Attack.
last shot of this terrible war—the shot that brings Victory.
That is the shot we are all

hoping we are paying for when we buy War Bonds.
Maybe it will be paid for thru a War Savings Stamp purchased by some child—it might be your child, or it might be that my children, four year old Galt or two year old Teddy will own the stamp that pays for this mighty bullet.
Anyway, before this bullet is fired, many millions of others will be sent on their way, toward the enemies of civilization. So we must not stop buying War Bonds and War Savings Stamps, for each bit of ammunition, each piece of equipment, brings us that near to victory.
The U. S. Treasury now has underway the greatest financing campaign in the history of the world. This means, you are a part of this campaign, for the Treasury is only our agent—your agent. We must not let ourselves—our boys in service, our dreams of a peaceful, democratic world—fail for want of money.
When you think of that final last shot, you realize that it is money, as well as the trigger finger of the boy who fires it, that will release it.
Let's start now — by buying

War Bonds to the limit—to send it on its historic way.
If we do not do this, there will be another bullet—coming our way from the enemy. He is bending every effort toward victory and ruthlessly. He takes from his people, from those he has enslaved; he even robs and steals, as well as kills, in his terrible drive to defeat us.
But we are free. We are still a people permitted to act voluntarily. That thought alone should inspire us to sacrifice.
I recall a terrible fright I had a few months ago. Suddenly, over the studio lots where I was working in a picture, there was a great roar. The sky was clouded with bright objects, falling from bombers. The thought came that these might be those pieces of paper, soaked in phosphorus, which catch fire on touching the ground, a device used by the enemy to start fires.
Call To Duty
I was relieved when I saw one of these little papers. It was a call for us to buy War Bonds, dropped by our own bombers.
How wonderful, I thought, that these were not bombs, dropped by the enemy — that
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3 CITY DEATHS LISTED THIS WEEK

Funeral services for Mrs. Hazel Barker, 26, 413 E. Canal St., who died suddenly Saturday, were held Thursday afternoon at one o'clock in the Bellemeade Avenue Church of God in Christ with the Elder B. J. Watkins officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. Mrs. Barker was the sister of a well known local figure now making his home in Chicago, Marion "Ben" NALL, former owner of the Lincoln Shoe Shop on S. Elliott Street. Mr. Nall is now head shoe maker in a swanky shoe shop on Chicago's Gold Coast.
Another death in the city this week was that of Mrs. Marie McGhee, 48, 310 Church street, who died Monday following a long illness. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Gaines Funeral home. Burial was in Locust Hill cemetery. Survivors are: husband, Otis; sister, Mrs. Adie Martin, Indianapolis, and brother Riley Powell, St. Louis.
Funeral services for Henry Green, 78, 1816 N. Fourth Avenue, who died Friday, were held

HAMMER FIELD, Fresno, Calif.—Sparked by the brilliant performance of Private George Lavy CULVER of Evansville, Indiana, a Quartermaster truck company of Hammer Field captured the first series of track meets staged at the field drill grounds under the supervision of the base athletic office.
Capturing firsts for the truck men were Pvt. CULVER who scaled the high jump bar at 5 feet 4 inches, Private First Class Earn PAYNE of St. Louis, Missouri, who won the 100-yard firemen's carry in 56.5 seconds, and the organization's relay teams in the four-man 440 and four man 880.
Ed. Note: Pvt. Culver jumped 6 feet 2 3/4 inches in the Evansville City Meet in 1940, setting an all-time high in the city meets. He was also an outstanding football, basketball and soft ball player while attending Lincoln High School.
in St. James Baptist church on Tuesday with burial in Oak Hill cemetery.
The W. A. Gaines funeral home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Indiana To Draft Pre-Pearl Harbor Fathers Nov. 1

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Don't Cash In Your War Bonds -- Save Them 'Til Maturity

Tri-State Garment Workers Vote CIO Local 813 Favors FDR

FAMILIARITY IS NOT FRIENDLINESS (Do's and Don'ts)



Because your fellow employe becomes friendly with you on the job, it does not mean that you have the right to be too familiar. Too often this has been the case and has not only been the source of friction, but has kept many Negroes out of jobs.

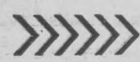
NINETY-NINTH FIGHTER SQUADRON PRAISES STAFF FOR PROMPT PAY TO DEPENDENTS OF SERVICEMEN

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 24.—Lt. an increase in his allotment-of- Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., one of the heroes of the Sicilian campaign and organizer and first commanding officer of the famous all-colored 99th Fighter Squadron, brought word to Newark yesterday that a big factor in the high morale of the men at the front is the knowledge that their families are receiving their family allowances and allotments-of-pay regularly each month.

Colonel Davis has returned to employ his battle experience in training a larger fighter group. Stopping in for a visit at the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits to authorize

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Grand Jury Indicts 4 Men Charged With Murder

Four persons were indicted on murder charges by the grand jury which was in session this week and made a "partial report" to Circuit Judge Nat H. Youngblood on its investigations of five homicides and recessed until October 4.

Although the grand jury supposedly has completed its investigation of the five homicides committed in the county during the summer months, it went back into session late on Tuesday afternoon, without prosecutor or witnesses, before recessing. The jury indicated to Judge Youngblood that the indictments were "a partial report."

Those indicted include:

- Fred Hathaway, indicted on a first degree murder charge in the death of Sarah Street, who was cut with a razor September 5.
- Brooks Rogers, 16 East Sycamore street, charged with murdering Rufus Ford on July 10.
- George Jackson, 411 South Evans avenue, charged with the murder of Eddie Hugh Roper on August 21.
- Orvil C. Rosser, white, 103 South Fulton avenue, charged with the murder of a soldier, John P. Gibbons, white, on July 17.

Other activity on the criminal slate for this week include shooting and cutting scrapes which resulted in chest and abdomen injuries to Mercy L. Newell, 315½ S. Ninth Street,

via the pistol route in the vicinity of Fifth and Walnut streets Sunday. Pocket knife cuts and stabs were serious enough to necessitate medical treatment at St. Mary's, so that's where John Henry Merritt, 1855 W. Virginia, street was rushed Sunday after he had been stabbed and cut by Claudine Campbell, 29, 111 John street, so police report. She told police that Merritt threatened to strike her so she used the knife for protection. Newell was also rushed to St. Mary's. Another shooting scrape hits the news and Jake Watts hits the hospital, as victim. Full details will be forthcoming later. This incident happened late Friday night in a billard hall on the avenue.

City Court Judge found Clara A. Pratt guilty of petit larceny and fined her \$35 and a sentence of 30 days. She is 23 and and resides at 918 Cherry St.

OPEN USO CENTER AT MORGANFIELD

MORGANFIELD, Ky. — The third USO unit to be set up in this city, a \$40,000 center for soldiers and other servicemen, was officially opened here on Monday night, with the dedication program featuring an address by James W. Geater, of Washington, representative of the federal security agency.

The building, located on Chapman Road near the downtown district, was erected at a cost of \$40,000. C. L. Timberlake, head of the Morganfield subcommittee for colored war recreation, was in charge of the program.

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BREEZY

By T. MELVIN

WELL, COUSIN JIM-WILLIE... HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

AW, IT WUZ AWRIGHT - I GUESS, BREEZE!

GEE, YOU DON'T SOUND AS THOUGH YOU LIKE SCHOOL, JIM-WILLIE - WHAT'S THE MATTER?

OH, I LIKE IT - BUT TODAY I DIDN'T DO SO GOOD!!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? - DID YOU GET ANY BAD MARKS TODAY?

WELL, YES -

- BUT THEY'RE WHERE THEY DON'T SHOW!!

JUST GABBIN'

By MARYLYNN J. HOLDER

The trip to St. Loey taken by yours truly and Mother, Mrs. Willie J. Moorman proved to be a veddy pleasant and interesting one with many sights to be seen, shopping trips and what have you . . . the Comet theatre provided us with an evening of entertainment in the form of an ofay stage show. . . . George Williams, Comet MC, introduced Jerry Lyons and his Steamer Admiral ork who opened the show with Count Basie's famous "One O'Clock Jump." The curtain opened on a stage curtained with white, gold, brown and blue velvet . . . Lyons is a pianist and wore a white summer suit with the rest of the ork in black and white dress suits . . . after a rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" the band took back seat while 8-year old Pee Wee Richardson took her place as MC for the rest of the program introducing Ray Lambert and his Violin . . . "Intermezzo," "Lady Be Good," and encore was a medley . . . Lambert was followed by Lou Nova, the ork's "Bing Crosby," who drew round after round of applause for his original way of singing "Stormy Weather," encoring with "Two for Tea." Bass fiddler with the band was Al "Porky" Swait who did a solo encoring twice. Beverly, vocalist with the group, took down the house, in a white jersey sequined jacket with black flared skirt, snazzy coiff and a new styled "Ain't Misbehaving," her encore was "Put Your Arms Around Me." Enter: "Josie the Horse." A delightful, lilting slapstick gag. Rocky Ford's arrangements of "Tiger Rag" and "Basin Street Blues" held their own as did his trumpet playing . . . Drummer Andy Maloney, a St. Loey native, was plenty fine as was 8-year old Pee Wee Richardson in a tap dance on skates, tap dance and vocal interpretation of "As Long As You're Not In Love With Anyone Else, Why Don't You Fall in Love With Me." Pee Wee wore blue and pink, red and gray and lame and blue in a semi-strip tease act.

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That party honoring James Clayton McFarland Saturday nite was too much * * * 'twas given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wimsatt at their home in S. Governor . . . there were sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and 3 lovely as well as tasty cakes . . . guests included: Misses Elizabeth Covington, Wilma Jackson, Harriett Bynum, Dorothy Green, Wilma Harding, Alma Lewis, Helena Grimes, Mabel Patterson, Gladies Middlebrook, Messdames Willie Brown, Amelia Alston, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tillerson, Arthur Earl, Sydnor, William Johnson, Jessie Pitts, Jessie Jackson, Pullam, Kraft, Oliver Wimsatt, Messrs. J. W. Holder, Charles Proudly, Joe Lewis, Hugh Crowe, Charles Turpin, Eugene Jackson, Howard Hall and guest of honor, "J. C."

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Recently returned from Dayton, Ohio, where she held a job at the Wright Air Depot in Dayton, is charming Sadie Pitts, formerly a Lincoln high school student . . . Sadie received her release from Civil Service several days ago and will make her home in Derbyville again now . . . By this time, Anna Catherine Lewis is well under way at her studies in the Ind. U. classrooms . . . Next time you see Mrs. Sarah Emagee, be sure to ask her about the two week trip to Denver, Colo., to see her mother . . . 'twas a vacation trip and included much sight-seeing . . . her hubby, Mr. Emage, returned Saturday from Chicago, Ill., where two weeks were spent at a National convention.

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The lovely pictured at right is Inventor First Lieutenant Annie L. Brown who has perfected the 'Brownie Veg-Bin' at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, in the SCU 1922 WAC Section. The invention may become standard before long in all mess halls . . . it is used to hold vegetables, fruits, etc.

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Mrs. Mary Lou Bryant, Aunt of yours truly, who hails from Indianapolis, Indiana, was in the city last week on a vacation . . . spending several days in Owensboro, Ky., before returning home . . . Beverly Esther is the name of the Green Roysters' heir, born last Thursday . . . at press time Esther and daughter are getting along nicely . . . Susie Suggs Moore is all agog over her recent trip to the 'East,' namely New Jersey, where she was guest of par-



Local 813, CIO, Favors FDR For 4th Term; Elect Delegates

ents of her Lt. hubby . . . Susie also made a few trips to New York while in that vicinity . . . Back to Chicago is Naomi Shelton and in from that same city is Wilma Jackson, who is looking fine, especially so with that new hair-do . . . by the time you read this, congratulations will be in order for Fannie Mae Avery and Robert West—the occasion, tying of the marital knot—methinks it will take place Thursday afternoon. Fannie Mae is a former Louisvillian and very prominent in social, and civic affairs ere her arrival here.

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Two musts on your list—"buy another bond during the Third Loan Drive and read Roi Ottley's "New World A-Coming" * * * you can get it at Cherry Street Library . . . "One World" by Wendell Willkie is also interesting and when you find time drop a few lines to Pvt. Leonard COLLINS, ANS 35733035 42nd QM PK TROOP CAMP CARSON, COLO.

The membership of Local 813, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO), Wednesday voted unanimously favoring a fourth term for President Roosevelt in line with action of the union's national convention, held last week in New York, attended by Maurice Anderson.

"This resolution does not mean that the UE-CIO is supporting the democratic party or any other party or individual," Charles Wright, local president, declared, "but that it is a reaffirmation of the union's support to the policies for which the President stands."

The union also adopted a resolution calling for establishment of democratic rule in the liberated countries in accordance with the provisions of the Atlantic Charter and condemning any state department "deals" with pro-fascist officials in Europe or governments-in-exile who do not represent the democratic majority in occupied and liberated territory.

The resolution also called upon the President to bring the state department in line with the "Allied policies necessary to secure the unconditional surrender of all fascist rulers and a fully democratic peoples peace."

A third resolution was pointed at criticism and conjectures about the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the Free French which "are intended to aid Hitler and undermine the Allied invasion of Europe."

The union elected five delegates to the UE district 8 convention in St. Louis on Oct. 2. They are Charles Wright, Agnes Schenk, William Nightingale, Gilbert Maier and Herman Ruehman. Emory Austin was elected delegate to the CIO state convention at Ft. Wayne, Oct. 15-17.

TO REGISTER FAMILIES FOR 1944 ELECTIONS

Responding to the dramatic appeal of Charles A. Collins, Executive Secretary of the NEGRO LABOR VICTORY COMMITTEE and Business Representative, Loc. 6, Hotel and Club Employees, to "BACK UP THEIR BEEFING WITH BALLOTS," the GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF the Negro Labor Victory Committee unanimously adopted, Tuesday, September 14, the recommendation of the Executive Bd. to register 30,000 colored trade unionists and their families for the coming ELECTIONS, and for the Presidential Primaries next Spring. The General Assembly voted to distribute 100,000 poster-leaflets, featuring the slogan BACK UP YOUR BEEFING WITH BALLOTS — REGISTER AND VOTE, in Harlem, the Bronx, Brooklyn and in the shops of the unions affiliated with the Committee.

Indiana To Draft Fathers In Nov.

Indiana pre-Pearl Harbor "papas" can take it easy until about the first of November, because Col. Robinson Hitchcock, Indiana's state selective chief has ruled that no such fathers will be called until November in spite of the authorization for the drafting of such fathers starting the first of October.

Even after drafting fathers, over 15 per cent of the state quota will be filled from boys attaining their 18th birthdays, the Colonel has pointed out.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 23.—A black and white plate 10 inches long and three and a quarter inches wide will be issued to Indiana motorists next year to replace the present 1942 tag with its 1943 black metal tab.

Only the rear plate will be used and credit for making the plates should go to the inmates of the state prison, who did the job using only salvaged materials, including 1942 front plates.



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BACKING THE ATTACK IN ARMY SHOW



Negro troops and war workers are playing an important part in the mammoth "Back The Attack" Army Show which is sparking the \$15,000,000,000 Third War Loan drive in Washington, D. C. More than a half million persons witnessed the show on the Washington Monument Grounds during its first week. (Upper left) A Negro cavalry unit from Fort Myers, Va., led by Staff Sergeant Sherman Sullivan, is shown about to enter the arena for its daily participation in the military spectacle. At lower left, Truman K. Gibson, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, visits the Army Air Forces display

where Mrs. Ruth Austin Corbin of the Middletown (Pa.) Air Depot demonstrates how altimeters are maintained and repaired in the general instrument department. At right, a crack Negro barrage balloon outfit from Camp Tyson, Tenn., are a great attraction at the show. Shown left to right are Sgt. Lloyd Dubose, Ennis, Texas; Sgt. Joseph Dorsey, New Orleans, La.; Pfc. George Haywood, Dallas, Texas, and Sgt. Frank Patterson, Marianna, Ark. These troops demonstrate to the crowds how barrage balloons are used to protect convoys, ammunition dumps, cities and installations from low-flying strafing planes.

Poetry Corner

BETWEEN TWO THIEVES

By William Henry Huff

The doctor held his waning pulse,
The lawyer jotted down the will
The preacher looked intently on
And asked, "Why do you smile?
The patient in his dying breath
Said, "Parson, it is just because
I'm dying like my blessed Lord."
"And how is that?" the preacher asked.
"Why, parson, can't you plainly see
The lawyer here, the doctor there,
While I lie here between the two?
Just take another look and think.
I'm dying like my Lord, my Lord—
Between the two—they both are thieves—"

SHE PROPOSES

By William Henry Huff

Tonight I have a thing or two,
Sweetheart, that I must say to you.
You see, I want to marry,
And you are leaving for the front,
Then I shall have to bear the brunt
Unless I should miscarry.
It seems that you can't see the shame,
The heartbreak, grief and sorrow
That would attach to my good name.
Let's tie the knot tomorrow!

LEAVING

By William Henry Huff

Kiss me goodbye tonight, my friend,
But don't come back again;
This is undoubtedly the end,
Our love is split in twain.
I saw you in the arms of one
Whose very soul I hate;
That ends the tryst and we are done;
Goodnight, there is the gate.

ROGUISH EYES

By William Henry Huff

She need not have those rosy lips,
She need not have those dimpled cheeks,
She need not have those perfect hips,
Nor have the shape that makes the freaks
Turn 'round and look with lustling glare.
Her fingernails need not be red
Nor she have enticing hair
To glorify a shapely head.
The thing she needs to have for me
Is more than all of these—a prize
With which no one can disagree
—It is a pair of roguish eyes.

D. C. WOMEN LEADERS BACK 3RD WAR LOAN



One of the largest Negro organizations sponsoring the Third War Loan in the nation's capital is the A. W. V. S. (American Women's Volunteer Service). More than 250 Washington women are lending their efforts under the organization's sponsorship. Bond Selling Booths with A. W. V. S. representatives in charge are maintained in the lobbies of all the leading Negro theaters of the capital.

Leaders of the organization and its War Bond activities are: left to right: Miss Francis Hill, chairman of the Bonds and Stamps Division; Mrs. Elinor H. McGuire, vice-chairman; Mrs. Therese L. Robinson, chairman of the Cosmos branch of A. W. V. S., and Mrs. Nell Hunter, Promotions Specialist U. S. Treasury War Finance Division.

HEADS THRIFT PLAN



Dr. J. E. Walker, President of the National Negro Business League and of the Universal Life Insurance Co., who as chairman of the War Bonds Savings Club plan of the U. S. Treasury's War Finance Division, is lending his influence to the nation-wide organization of these clubs. Mr. W. W. Allen, of the Treasury's Inter-Racial Section, is directing the formation of the clubs all over the country, with support of the Third War Loan as an immediate objective.

Your Bond May Buy The Bullet That Is The Shot Of Victory

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they were only a call to duty which all of us must meet. My children were safe; nothing had happened to them. Gratefully I went to the cashier's office and bought all the bonds I could possibly pay for.

I sincerely hope that this little incident will prove a timely inspiration to you, my fellow citizens.

Let's supply that final bullet—and all the others that must come before it! Let's buy more Bonds in the Third War Loan.

CITY DETECTIVES IDENTIFY HIM AS "EVANSVILLE'S NO. 1 LIFTER BUT "SLIPMAN" IS BETTER TITLE

At Third and Walnut, James Hampton, 42, is identified by the title of "Evansville's No. 1 Shop-lifter." It all came about when he was engaged in the very profitable (to him) act of stuffing his pockets with useful articles from the counters of the Woolworth Store without going through the general procedure of having the clerk wrap the same for you while you cross the palm of the

fair damsel with some little token commonly known as money . . . clerks orbled while he worked and immediately went into the act of detaining his person until detectives from headquarters could view him.

Detectives came and find the private cache, in the lining of his coat, and therein "Brother" Hampton had cleverly concealed five slips from W. T. Grant Co.,

one from Kresge Company and almost a dozen pairs of hose from Neisner's (no ladies they weren't Nylons) —total value around and about fifteen dollars.

Don't quite think it's fair to say that this one incident alone earns for our subject the title of "Evansville's No. 1 Shoplifter," as records at Third and Walnut list him as a former habitant of the "cross bar hotel" on many occasions in the past and at the bottom of them all were similar charges.

Over in Henderson Tuesday, Judge Marlin Blackwell "socked" a fine of one hundred "berries" and costs on Lee Allen Hatchett, who had been charged with shooting with sudden heat and passion.

OHIO MINISTER CLOSES REVIVAL AT OPEN DOOR

The Rev. J. H. Freeman of Cincinnati, Ohio, completed a very successful 10-day revival meeting at the Open Door Church last Sunday, with a very stirring sermon which aided in bringing many new souls to Christ.

He was assisted in his mission by Mme. V. B. Letcher, a very inspiring Gospel Singer, who has thrilled audiences throughout the Tri-State area. The church was aided financially and the members were aided spiritually through the efforts of these two Christians.

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CHAMPION WAR BOND BUYERS



Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Shief, Jr., well-known residents of Washington, D. C., have the unique distinction of having purchased \$200 in War Bonds each for 18 consecutive months, using 75% of their individual salaries for the purpose. Mr. Shief is a clerk in the Procurement Division of the U. S. Treasury and Mrs. Shief is a clerk in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. They pledged to buy a \$1,000 Third War Loan Bond. Both are graduates of Howard University and active in the professional and social life of the nation's capital.

TRI-STATE GARMENT WORKERS VOTE FOR CIO

ELKS BOND 'CHIEF'



Lt. Geo. W. Lee, Memphis, Tenn., author, business man, and civic leader, who, as National Chairman of the Elks War Bond Committee, has set the fraternity's Third War Loan goal at \$5,000,000; and reports steady progress through his six regional chairmen.

YOU GET THE NEWS IN THE ARGUS

The National Labor Relations Board Tuesday certified the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (CIO) as the collective bargaining representative of the Tri-State Garment Corporation, according to a release from the St. Louis offices of the ACWA. The union will represent operators, inspectors, cutters, pressers and janitors. The majority of the employees are colored.



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ECONOMY SHOP—BASEMENT

ASK RE-TRIAL OF WHITE SOLDIER WHO PROTESTED ARMY JIMCROW EVANSVILLE W.D.L. JOINS FIGHT

From the offices of Roy L. Farr, chairman of the Evansville Workers Defense League, comes the following story:

Sergeant Alton Levy of the Lincoln, Nebraska Airbase has been courtmartialed and sentenced to four months in the guard house for protesting the undemocratic treatment of the colored troops.

He is a 29-year old former organizer for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and rose to the rank of sergeant in his year of service. At the Air Base he was assigned to work with colored troops and protested repeatedly at staff meetings against their treatment, both because of his concern for the principles of democracy and his fear of increased racial conflict.

Early in August after a riot between Americans of Mexican decent and colored troops, Levy was questioned by Army Intelligence Officers, and he admitted statements of protest against the life of the colored troops. On August 13, he was courtmartialed on the grounds of conduct unbecoming a soldier, and sentenced to four months of hard labor, demoted to the rank of private and docked \$18 a month pay.

The Workers Defense League has undertaken Alton Levy's defense believing that those seeking to establish better relationships between the races should not be penalized.

Act now—Write and urge organizations to which you belong, to write to President Roosevelt asking him to institute an immediate investigation in order to reverse Levy's conviction and end the Army's discrimination against colored people in the armed and civilian life.

CONTRIBUTE — by mail as much as possible for the fight to free Al Levy, which is a fight against discrimination and must be fought through public pressure on the President. Send your contributions to Dr. George Counts, Treasurer WDL, 112 E. 19th st., New York, New York, or Roy L. Farr, 1712 Bellmeade avenue, Evansville, 14, Indiana.

Another case of discrimination and the Army is that of Winfred Lynn, young colored man of Jamaica, Long Island, who has brought a "habeas corpus" action against the Army authorities on the grounds that they are illegally detaining him (he is now serving in the Army) because he was selected like most colored draftees—in a segregated jim crow quota, in violation of Section 4 of the 1940 Draft Act which reads:

"In the selection and training of men under this Act, and in the interpretation and execution of the provision of this act, there shall be no discrimination against any person on account of race or color."

All ARGUS Readers can join in this fight by joining the Citizens Committee, contributing financially and buying the pamphlet, "The War's Greatest Scandal"—the story of Jim Crow in uniform . . . 5 cents a single copy in quantities of 100 or over. Write to CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR WINFRED LYNN 2084 7th Ave., New York City.

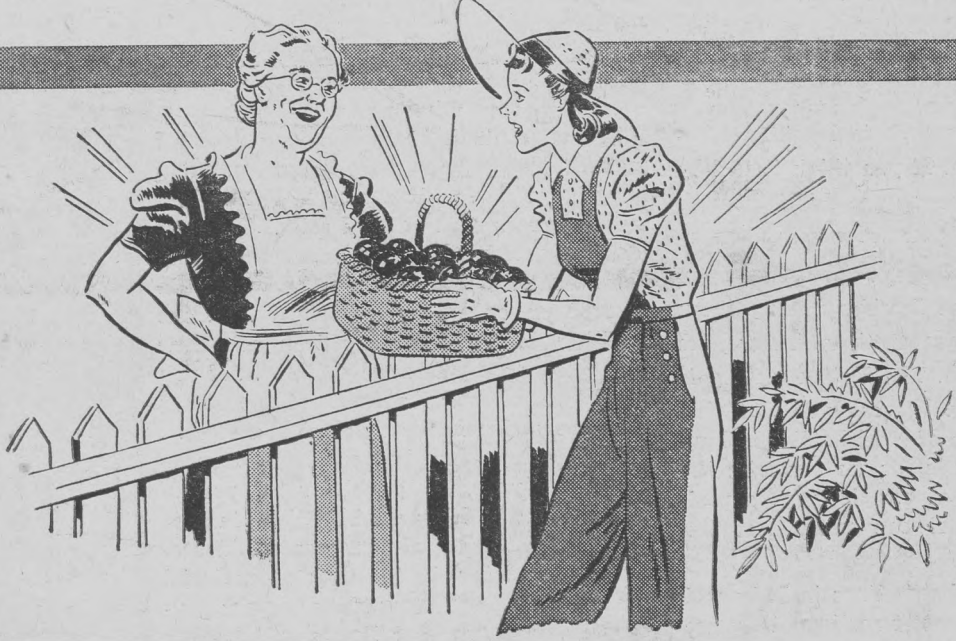
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PASS THE ANTI-POLL TAX BILL!

It is small comfort to Negro citizens that they can mouth a solemn "I told you so," in the face of the rest of progressive America.

Negroes have long understood the mortal danger of the poll-tax. Negroes have shouted the warning that one hundred men in the United States Congress totally irresponsible to any mass electorate are a dagger point at the heart of democracy.

Today the direst forebodings have been realized.

During the last session of Congress a dark sinister coalition of reactionary Republicans and Poll-tax, renegade Democrats have joined hands to emasculate the President's war program. The dagger-point has been thrust into the nation's back at its moment of greatest crisis.

But the people have begun to understand that the poll-tax is a life-and-death issue of this war. They begin to realize that unless the elections of 1944 liberate ten million disfranchised voters of the deep South, a people's victory, let alone a people's peace, may well be destroyed.

There has gone up an unholy howl in the camp of some flighty liberals that President Roosevelt has "deserted the people." Look at the record of the last Congress. Here is desertion. Here is worse than desertion. Here is betrayal.

Every ounce of power in the control of the poll-taxers was thrown against the war effort, against Roosevelt, against the Negro people. Measures of historic importance were passed over the President's veto. Martin Dies became the most powerful politician in Washington. Fascist America mobilized on Capitol Hill.

Labor, the Negro and America as a whole failed to support the President adequately in these moments. Today Roosevelt is forced to make concessions to the poll-taxers. He must fire Welles and scold Wallace. All this while he fights tooth and nail to drive the whole country forward toward the victory which his enemies despise.

The Poll-Taxers play a vicious game. They obstruct OPA, then denounce the President for "the food situation." They pass the Smith-Connally bill and then accuse the chief executive of failure on the labor front.

The answer to these conspirators is passage of the Marcantonio Anti-Poll Tax Bill in the next session of the Senate. This means an all-out battle with reaction. It means taking the poll-tax story to America's millions. It means demanding that the Senate limit debate (invoke cloture) to halt the disgraceful filibuster which killed anti-poll tax legislation in the last session.

It means ACTION by the rank-and-file of the country fighting for the Four Freedoms. —California Eagle.

LET THEM SAY IT!



"WE ARE ON THAT LONG, HARD MARCH"

"The long, hard march to Berlin and Tokyo has just begun. If you think it will be easy, if you think we can win this fight with onehand . . . then you are wrong, dangerously wrong."

These words from Secretary Morgenthau of the Treasury Department, we believe, are timely and are true. The Italian victory is only the beginning. We can make of that victory the occasion of a celebration in buying more War Bonds, or we can take the dangerous position of complacency, a position so dangerous it can easily lost the war for us.

Our men on the battle lines in Italy and the South Pacific are not resting—they are not complacent—they are face-to-face with the grim killers of our cruel, implacable enemies. And we cannot have that fighting front without a supporting front here at home. The people of this community are in the service of their country as much as tho they were called into battle. That service consists of doing the jobs we must do in production and to support with every cent of our surplus earnings the Third War Loan drive which is now underway.

What sacrifice have we made comparable to those boys who have lost their legs, their arms—their lives in the living hell of the battle fields? As farmers we are enjoying our highest wage level. We are thousands of miles from the danger zone, yet these dollars will be as deadly to the enemy as bullets fired on the front lines. These dollars of ours must be fighting dollars in the form of War Bonds if we do our patriotic duty in this Third War Loan.

If you could but see the long rows of maimed, broken young men in our army and navy hospitals . . . if you could but see the rows of crosses on foreign soil . . . if you could but feel for one moment the living hell of the foxholes in the jungle, the rain of lead on an Italian battlefield . . . the lurching, slippery, heaving deck of a war ship during a fight-to-the-death . . . if you could but watch the advance of one of our divisions under deadly machine-gun fire . . . American boys—maybe your boy—sacrificing all for your safety and for the preservation of everything we hold dear in this community. Then perhaps, you would sacrifice everything in the way of material comforts and lend your money to your government for these War Bonds.

We are not asked to do that. We continue our lives here in comfort and safety. We continue to go to ball games . . . to the theatres . . . to our favorite tavern or cocktail bar. We sit on our front porches and read the war news or discuss and cuss the Congress. We gather our rich harvests. We go about our daily tasks in the midst of our friends and fellows. We collect our fat pay checks and we come home to our families and perhaps there is a vacant place at the table . . . Our boy may be out there somewhere and he's not complaining.

We grumble some about gas rationing. We can't get thick juicy steaks any more. Service is not what it formerly was, prices are up . . . but is there any comparison with your trifling inconveniences and the sacrifice these American sons are making.

If you have a conscience, you'll go to the nearest place and buy that extra \$100 War Bond this day.

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